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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OF DROSPIRENONE (6 $\beta$ , 7 $\beta$ , 15 $\beta$ , 16 $\beta$ -DIMETHYLENE-3-OXO-17 $\alpha$ -PREGN-4-EN-21, 17-CARBOLACTONE, DRSP) AS WELL AS 7 $\alpha$ -(3-HYDROXY-1-PROPYL)-6 $\beta$ , 7 $\beta$ ; 15 $\beta$ , 16 $\beta$ -DIMETHYLENE-5 $\beta$ -ANDROSTANE-3 $\beta$ , 5, 17 $\beta$ -TRIOL (ZK 92836) AND 6 $\beta$ , 7 $\beta$ ; 15 $\beta$ , 16 $\beta$ -DIMETHYLENE-5 $\beta$ -HYDROXY-3-OXO-17 $\alpha$ -ANDROSTANE-21, 17-CARBOLACTONE (90965) AS INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS OF THE PROCESS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 22, 2004, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.